

**TEST: LESSONS 21 AND 22**

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**Part A Choosing the Best Definition**

On the answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

1. Oswald walked along the *serpentine* path, idly wondering where it would end. 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. overgrown c. rugged  
b. picturesque d. winding
2. Although Nadine was accused of stealing, *extenuating* circumstances lessened her sentence. 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. innocently unaware c. complicated and lengthy  
b. partially excusing d. pitifully selfish
3. Troy had a *transitory* desire to play on the basketball team, but now he just likes to shoot hoops in his driveway. 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. temporary c. passionate  
b. unfulfilled d. youthful
4. The new telephone directory will *supersede* the one currently in use. 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. improve c. replace  
b. complement d. support
5. The waiter's *pretentious* manner gave us a clue that the restaurant would be expensive. 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. leisurely c. fawning, submissive  
b. showy, trying to impress d. overly polite and correct
6. Sharona and I *meandered* on the cliffs overlooking the ocean for most of the afternoon. 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. wandered c. crawled  
b. climbed d. chatted
7. An annoyingly *tenacious* salesman followed us around the showroom for an hour. 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. nosy, interfering c. holding on stubbornly  
b. uninformed d. unscrupulous
8. That sunny picnic area by the lake would be a good spot to stop for some *sustenance*. 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. rest c. food and drink  
b. photographs d. sketching
9. Every spring, dozens of parents sit here and watch their children *cavort* in the park. 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. run in a race c. play sports  
b. put on a show d. leap happily
10. Those enormous wasps, grown *torpid* from the cold weather, were easy to catch. 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
a. lively; energetic c. impressive in size  
b. sluggish and lethargic d. powerful and bold

**TEST: LESSONS 23 AND 24**

(pages 147–158)

**Part A Choosing the Best Definition**

On the answer line, write the letter of the best definition of the italicized word.

1. The *animus* between the rival teams' coaches was palpable.  
a. gratitude  
b. respectfulness  
c. insolence  
d. hatred  
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. In this well-known painting, a *corpulent* gentleman sits at his desk, surrounded by his five daughters.  
a. well dressed  
b. very fat  
c. unknown  
d. cheerful  
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. My middle name, Ritchie, was also my grandmother's *cognomen* until she married.  
a. nickname  
b. alias  
c. first name  
d. surname  
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The class bully made a *pusillanimous* retreat when the teacher entered the playground.  
a. cowardly  
b. immediate  
c. thankful  
d. threatening  
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The performance *incorporates* original songs, modern dance, poetry, and drama.  
a. forms into a legal business  
b. honors or acclaims  
c. includes as part of a larger whole  
d. displays publicly  
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Gift certificates are available in various *denominations* for easy holiday shopping.  
a. colors  
b. formats  
c. venues  
d. values  
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The senator, a woman of great *renown*, announced that she will not seek reelection.  
a. advanced age  
b. originality  
c. widespread fame  
d. wealth  
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Trent was familiar with the young writer's impressive *corpus*.  
a. collection of writings  
b. weight problem  
c. personal appearance  
d. area of expertise  
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. This guidebook provides the scientific *nomenclature* of the flowers, trees, and shrubs native to our region.  
a. knowledge from research  
b. naming system  
c. people who make up official names  
d. groups of related species  
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Last year an *anonymous* benefactor supplied refreshments and a band for the graduation party.  
a. deceased  
b. apologetic  
c. generous  
d. unnamed  
10. \_\_\_\_\_

